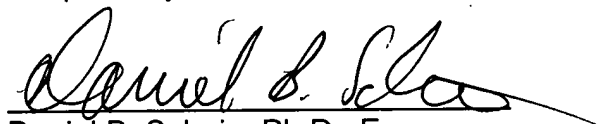


## REMARKS

Claims 9 and 17 were cancelled at the request of the Examiner. Pending claims 18-19 depended from Claims 9 and 17 respectively, and are amended hereby to incorporate the limitations of the cancelled claims. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned with any questions to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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